

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR)
APPROVAL OF NATURAL GAS EXPANSION)
SERVICE OFFERINGS) PSC DOCKET NO. 12-292
(FILED JUNE 25, 2012))

ORDER No. 8206

FOR ADMISSION AS AN INTERVENOR

AND NOW, this 15th day of August, 2012, pursuant to the authority granted to me in PSC Order No. 8174 dated July 3, 2012, this Hearing Examiner having considered the Petition for Leave to Intervene ("the Petition") filed by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control ("DNREC") on August 10, 2012, and there being no objection thereto filed by any party of record;

NOW, THEREFORE,

1. The Petition is granted.
2. In PSC Order No. 8174, the Commission ordered that the deadline for filing petitions for intervention was August 10, 2012. (See Order, ¶6.)
3. Thus, DNREC's Petition to Intervene was timely filed.
4. In its Petition, DNREC alleges that DNREC's "interest will not be adequately represented by the parties to this proceeding." Specifically, DNREC alleges that: 1) unlike the other participants, DNREC is responsible for the management of Delaware's environment

which is in the public interest; and 2) "[n]or does any other participant in this proceeding bring to bear the expertise that DNREC can employ in considering the effects of expansion of natural gas service on environmental quality." (See DNREC's Petition to Intervene at ¶5.)

5. No party has opposed DNREC's Petition.

6. For purposes of considering the merits of DNREC's Petition, I assume as true the representations made in DNREC's Petition. Specifically, DNREC has adequately alleged that it has particularized expertise and experience which may be valuable to the Commission in deciding the issues in this docket. Thus, DNREC has satisfied the intervention requirements of Rule 21 of the Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

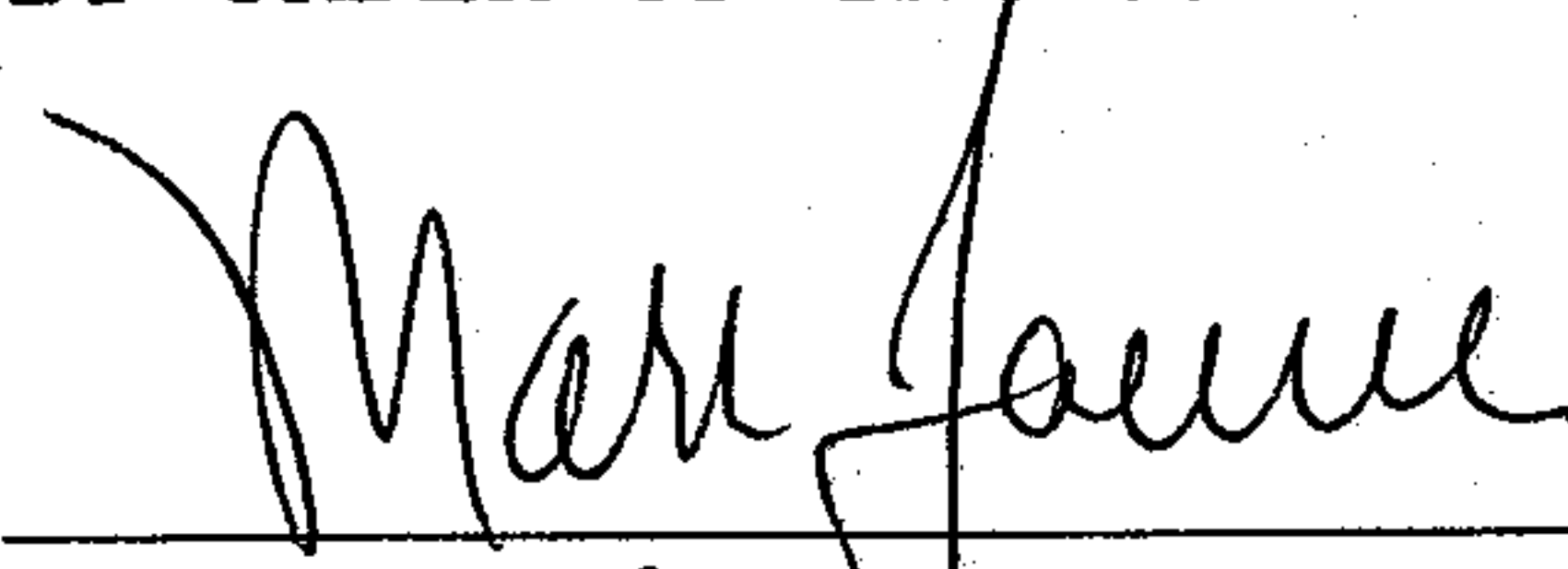
7. To date, no Procedural Schedule has been agreed upon by the parties and adopted by the Hearing Examiner.

Now, therefore, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. Accordingly, the Petition for Intervention filed by the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control ("DNREC") is **GRANTED**.

2. DNREC shall be added to the Service List for this Docket, as described in its Petition to Intervene.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION



Mark Lawrence
Hearing Examiner